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1. IN VIEW OF ANC ACTION REPORTED REFTEL A DOES DEPARTMENT WISH TO  
AWAIT REPORT OF FEBRUARY AEESG MEETING IN ANTICIPATION OF CREATION  
OF ANC PANEL AT THAT TIME? OR SHOULD USREP EXPECT INSTRUCTIONS  
TO PROPOSE A COUNCIL CTE PURSUANT TO REFTEL C.

2. USREP HAS RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT OF REPORT TO ICAO BY  
ICAO REP IN NAIROBI (NEMEREVER, US, DIR. AIR NAV BUR), -- SEE  
REFTEL D. FOLLOWING QUOTES THE SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF HIS  
ONE PAGE DRAFT.

3. QUOTE: THE DOCUMENTATION TO BE PROVIDED BY ICAO WOULD,  
TENTATIVELY, DESCRIBE ICAO'S BASIC RESPONSIBILITY IN INTERNATIONAL  
CIVIL AVIATION, THE ROLE IT IS PLAYING IN RELATION TO WMO AND WHO  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES, ITS OWN PRESENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN  
THE ENVIRONMENT, ESPECIALLY IN RESPECT OF ENGINE EMISSIONS. IN  
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ADDITION, MATERIAL WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR INCLUSION IN THE UN/ESA

PAPER ON THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE FUTURE REGULATION. IT WOULD EXPRESS THE HOPE OF THE ICAO SECRETARAT THAT ICAO'S WORK WILL ANTICIPATE SUFFICIENTLY THE REQUIREMENTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE REGULATION SO AS TO KEEP TO A MINIMUM POSSIBLE ECONOMIC REPERCUSSIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR, TO AVOID THE NECESSITY OF CONSIDERING COSTLY RETRO-FIT FOR ENGINE EMISSIONS.

4. QUTE: IT WAS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNEP AND THE OTHER AGENCIES PRESENT SHARED THE VIEW THAT THE ASSESSMENT PHASE OF A POSSIBLE OZONE LAYER PROBLEM HAS BEEN MERELY INITIATED AND THAT THE FUTURE MEETING WOULD HAVE AS ONE OF ITS MAJOR OBJECTIVES TO MAKE SUCH ASSESSMENT OF THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. THEREFORE, THE CONSIDERATION OF CONTROL MEASURES COULD NOT EVEN BE INITIATED AT THIS FUTURE MEETING. THE OTHER MAJOR OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO REVIEW ONGOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITH A VIEW TO PERFECTING COORDINATION AVOIDING UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION, AND ENSURING COVERAGE OF AREAS RECEIVING INSUFFICIENT OR NO ATTENTION

IT WAS NOTED THAT, UNLIKE THE SITUATION WHICH PREVAILED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AVIATION IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED A PRIMARY FACTOR INFLUENCING THE OZONE LAYER. INSTEAD FLUOR-CARBON AEROSOLS ARE RECEIVING MOST ATTENTION AT THIS TIME. IT WAS ALSO NOTED AT THE MEETING THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OZONE LAYER WAS NOT INTRINSIC. IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT NO SYSTEMATIC, GLOBAL MONITORING OF ULTRA-VIOLET RADIATION LEVELS HAS TAKEN PLACE SO THAT PRESENT TRENDS ARE UNKNOWN AND ANY ESTIMATION OF FUTURE ULTRA-VIOLET RADIATION TRENDS (UP, DOWN, OR STATIONARY) WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT OVER A SHORT TIME PERIOD. UNQUOTE

5. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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